

REBUTTAL TO THE ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION 55

TEMPORARY SHOULD MEAN TEMPORARY

Voters supported higher income and sales taxes in 2012 because Governor Jerry Brown made the commitment that they would be temporary.

The state budget has a surplus, and these temporary taxes should go away, just like the Governor promised.

PROP. 55 WILL HURT SMALL BUSINESS AND KILL JOBS.

Prop. 55 will kill jobs, close businesses, and hurt the economy. It will raise taxes on California's small businesses, and make it even harder for them to create good-paying jobs.

WE CAN'T TRUST THE POLITICIANS AND SPECIAL INTERESTS

The politicians and special interests know California is NOT facing cuts to programs. They just want to grow government bigger by passing Prop. 55. And they are using our kids and schools to scare voters into supporting it. Don't be fooled.

SCHOOLS ARE FULLY FUNDED

Education spending has grown by \$24.6 billion since 2012 – a 52% increase.

Schools are funded, and the state budget is balanced.

We have a \$2.7 billion surplus and over \$9.4 billion in budget reserves.

Prop. 55's new and higher taxes aren't needed.

DON'T BE FOOLED BY SCARE TACTICS, PROP. 55 IS NOT NEEDED.

Official budget estimates by the state's non-partisan Legislative Analyst show that higher taxes are NOT needed to balance the budget and fully fund schools.

California can fund education, health care and state government without new or higher taxes.

VOTE NO ON PROP. 55

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